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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

Claims 1-25 and 28-71 are pending in the present application. Claims 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by art discussed in the Specification. Claims 1-25 and 28-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by "National Security and the Semiconductor Industry" (Dallmeyer).

Claims 26 and 27 are cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.